

## **REMARKS**

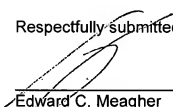
### **Terminal Disclaimer**

With respect to the Examiner's non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-3 as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of co-pending U.S. Patent No. Application Serial No. 10/849,432, Applicants have included a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PENDING REFERENCE APPLICATION which disclaims the terminal portion of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/849,432. The Assignee of the instant application namely, Sherwood Services AG, owns 100% interest in the present application and the above mentioned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/849,432. It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed terminal disclaimer should obviate the Examiner's rejection with respect to claims 1-3.

In view of the foregoing, it is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the application as presented, namely, Claims 1-3, are patentably distinguishable over the cited references and the other references of record. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may

facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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